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IRRIGATION CAPACITY
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a constant decline in the creation of irrigation capacity in the country since Seventh Five Year Plan upto Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if not, the area of land in million hectares added to the newly irrigated area during the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plans;

(c) the targets fixed for the Tenth five Year Plan; and

(d) the total percentage of agricultural land likely to be brought under irrigation till the end to Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The irrigation potential created during the Seventh, Eighth and Nine Five Year Plans are as under:

Plan period	Irrigation potential created during the Plan period (M.ha)	Average annual rate of creation of irrigation potential (M.ha/year)
Seventh Plan	11.11	2.22
Annual Plan 1990-92	4.56	2.28
Eighth Plan	5.17	1.03
Ninth Plan	7.72	1.54

(c) Targets for creation of irrigation potential during the Tenth Five Year Plan (in M.ha)

(i) Major and Medium Irrigation	9.93
(ii) Minor Irrigation	5.29
Total	14.22

(d) The target for cumulative net irrigated land at the end of Tenth Five Year Plan is 62.30 million hectare i.e. 34% of total agriculture land of the country.